

Good Pitching is Needed in Order to Win Pennants--Record Time Predicted

HURLERS NEEDED TO WIN PENNANT IN ANY LEAGUE

Study of Dope Shows That Hard Hitting Outfielders Are Not Enough to Keep Team on Top.

By Frank G. Menice.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—What does it avail a ball club if it possesses the greatest batsmen in the land if its pitching staff is puny? And the answer is—nothing.

A good pitching staff is far more essential to a ball club's success than is a wrecking crew of batters. Baseball records of the past and present show the truth of that statement.

Those New York Giants are pretty well down in the rut although they have three men averaging over the .300 mark, and three others near it. Doyle is hitting around .325, Merkle is clouting for .320, and Robertson boasts of a .310 average.

No team in baseball packs a greater batting punch than those Brooklyn Dodgers. Masee is hitting around .375, and Kauff is near .360. Three other Brooklyn regulars are over the .300 mark—yet the team is in second division.

Tigers Are Only Third.

The Detroit outfield is swatting the well known horse's skin for a combined average around .360—a tremendous clip, yet the Tigers are third in the race—and no better.

Back in the bygone days the Cleveland Naps toted around the greatest collection of sluggers that ever battled under one standard. Lajoie, Betis, Bay, Hickman, Bradley, "Nig" Clarke and a few more fence busters. Practically every man in the outfit was a .300 hitter. Yet Cleveland, during those days never came near to winning a pennant.

On the other hand, the Chicago White Sox, back in 1914 had pitchers—and no hitters. Yet the Sox won a pennant and a world series in that year. In 1912, 1913 and 1914 the Senators, minus batting power but plus some mighty pitchers, acted as runners up in nearly all three pennant battles.

Getting right down to this present day and age we find the Phillies clinging to the top of the National League heap. Outside of Luderus and Cravath, the Phillies haven't any batters—but they have Grover Cleveland Alexander and a few other pitching persons.

The Red Sox, as a team, aren't hitting up to pennant winning standard. But they have about five pitchers who are pitching a world series brand of baseball—and look where those Red Sox are located in the standing of clubs.

The Kansas City Feds and the St. Louis Feds present weak hitting combinations. But they have pitchers—and they've been in the pennant fight since the middle of May.

In other words, one good pitcher seems to be of more value to a ball club than two or three slugging infielders, outfielders or catchers.

While on the subject of batting we will listen to a few words from John McGraw, who now speaks:

"The bulk of recruits who come into the big leagues nowadays, don't step into the ball. Instead, they step away from it and as a result, few of them ever will be batters.

"Just way the new crop of ball players should be plate shy is a mystery to me. In the olden days all the men stepped into the ball and hit it on the nose. Of course, some of them were hit by pitched balls, but they always were looked upon as something that was to be expected—and endured."

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 3.—Tom McMahon, McKeesport, Pa., won in 15 rounds over Dick Gilbert of Denver last night.

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SPIRO'S

LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	58	24	.550
Chicago	58	25	.517
Detroit	58	26	.517
Washington	48	46	.511
New York	45	47	.489
St. Louis	38	58	.404
Cleveland	37	57	.394
Philadelphia	26	62	.341

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	51	41	.554
Brooklyn	50	45	.526
Chicago	47	45	.511
Pittsburgh	47	45	.511
Boston	47	46	.505
New York	46	46	.500
St. Louis	46	46	.500
Cincinnati	40	53	.430

FEDERAL LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas City	56	40	.583
Chicago	54	43	.559
Pittsburgh	51	41	.554
Newark	52	44	.542
St. Louis	50	46	.521
Brooklyn	44	54	.449
Buffalo	45	58	.436
Baltimore	24	62	.381

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Paul	62	34	.614
Minneapolis	55	46	.545
Indianapolis	54	48	.520
Kansas City	52	48	.520
Louisville	49	49	.500
Cleveland	47	50	.482
Milwaukee	44	53	.454
Columbus	39	60	.394

GAMES TODAY.	AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Detroit at Boston.	
Chicago at New York.	
Cleveland at Philadelphia.	
St. Louis at Washington.	

National League.
New York at St. Louis.
Philadelphia at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Cincinnati.
Boston at Pittsburgh.

Federal League.
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.
Buffalo at St. Louis.
Newark at Chicago.
Baltimore at Kansas City.

Games Yesterday

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
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and Wingo. Umpires—Rigier and		
Hart.		

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

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St. Louis004 100 000—5 8 1

Marshall, Bedient and Blair

Groom, Davenport, Plank and Chapman. Umpires—McCormick and Cor-	
Newark	.010 000 001 000 000 1—3 14 1
Chicago	101 000 000 000 000 0—2 12 3
Mosely and Rariden; Prendergast,	

Black and Fischer. Umpires—Effe and Brennan.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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New York000 000 002—3	7 7

Faber, Scott and Mayer, Schalk.	
Cole, Brown and Alexander. Umpires	
—Connolly and Wallace.	
Cleveland	102 001 000—4 9 0
Philadelphia	010 010 100—2 5 0

Walker, Jones and O'Neill, Fillin-				
gerin, Knowlson, Wycoff and Lapp				
Umpires—Dineen and Nallin.				
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Detroit	101	003	0-5 11 0
Boston	002	100	0-3 4 4

Sisler and Severoid; Johnson and Ainsmith. Umpires—O'Loughlin and Hildebrand.
Central League.
Terre Haute, 4; Wheeling, 3.

Evansville, 6; Dayton, 2.
Grand Rapids, 3; Erie, 1.
International League.
Rochester, 3-2; Providence, 2-3.

Toronto, 1-0; Harrisburgh, 4-1.
Buffalo, 7; Richmond, 3.

FORT WAYNE SELLS MAN

Red Smith Will Join Brooklyn on Wednesday.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 3.—Red Smith has been called to the Brooklyn Nationals and leaves Wednesday night, playing his last game here Wednesday. Fort Wayne is about to see the fastest ball player ever developed on the local lot step into the majors.

HIT 'EM OUT

"I have been asked, times without number," says Buck Herzog of Cincinnati, "why I don't have the boys sacrifice often."

"My reason is simply this: We are so unreliable at bat, and so destitute of long, driving hitters, that we would profit, but little by sacrificing to take a man from first to second. With such a club it is better, I believe, to whale away in hope that a good, decent hit may come through."

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RACE RESULTS

SARATOGA RESULTS.

First race, 6 furlongs—Conning Tower, 7 to 1 won; Corsican, 5 to 2 place, second; Palangin, 2 to 1 show, third. Time, 1:13. Chartier, Hunt, res, Presumption, Squelcher, Sinal, Fenmousse, Hawthorne and Broom Flower also ran.

Second race, about two miles and a half—Elbart, 13 to 20 out won; Swish, out place, second; Knight of Merit, out, third. Time, 5:27. Three starters.

Third race, 6 furlongs—Dominant, 9 to 5 won; Lora, 2 to 1 place, second; Mars Henry, even show, third. Time, 1:13 2-5. Bulse, Airman, John W. Klein, Kilmer, Lord Rockvale and Polron also ran.

Fourth race, mile and a quarter—Roamer, 3 to 1 won; Saratoga, 5 to 2 place, second; Star Jasmine, 1 to 2 show, third. Time, 2:04 2-5. Borrow, Sharp Shooter, Water Blossom and Trial by Jury also ran.

Fifth race, one mile—Lindenhat, 4 to 1 won; Amald, 7 to 1 place, second; Grosvenor, 8 to 5 show, third. Time, 1:41. Booker Bill, Impression, Shyness, Yalas and Foremost also ran.

Sixth race, 6 1-2 furlongs—X—Col Vania, 6 to 1 won; X—Fleurin, 2 to 1 place, second; Trumpeter, 7 to 10 show, third. Time, 1:08. Strook, Big Smoke, Moonstone, Remembrance, Ethel May, Smilax and Organdie also ran.

X—Coupled as Livingstone entry.

DUFFERIN PARK RESULTS.

First race, about 5 furlongs—John MacGuinness, 8 to 5 won; Briny Deep, 4 to 1 place, second; Mand Led, even show, third. Time, 1:01 2-5. Uncle Fitz, Usolia, Lady Benzol, G. M. Kleker, Caraque, Benny Lyte, King Chilton also ran.

Second race, about 5 furlongs—Les Invalides, 6 to 1 won; Fawn, even place, second; Moisant, even show, third. Time, 1:01 2-5. Helen Raybould, Brook Cross, Red River, Miss Christie, Barn Dance and Rye straw also ran.

Third race, about 5 furlongs—Tactless, 6 to 5 won; Vanbu, 4 to 1 place, second; Carissima, 3 to 5 show, third. Time, 1:02. Moss Ross, Constituent, Abdul and El Mahdi also ran.

Fourth race, about 5 furlongs—Sureget, 3 to 5 won; The Lark, 2 to 1 place, second; Marsand, even show, third. Time, 1:02 2-5. Catherine Turner, Sally Savage, Field Flower, Louis Descognets and Noble Drand also ran.

Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Pierre Dumas, even won; Massenet, 1 to 1 place, second; The Crabin, 2 to 1 show, third. Time, 1:32 2-5. Blooming Posey, Yanker, Thomas Hare also ran.

Sixth race, 6 1-2 furlongs—Golden Lassie, 10 to 1 won; Preserver, 2 to 1 place, second; Kane Radford, 1 to 2 show, third. Time, 1:25 4-5. Rose O'Neil, Lady Innocence, Anna Reed, Duke of Shelby, Charley Brown also ran.

Seventh race, 6 1-2 furlongs—Waverling, 5 to 2 won; Eye White, 2 to 1 place, second; Dixie, even show, third. Time, 1:25. Brown Prince, Marty Lou, Moonlight, Pay Strack, Charlie McFerran also ran.

Eighth race, about 5 furlongs—General, 6 to 5 won; Gint, 3 to 2 place, second; Lady Capricious, 2 to 1 show, third. Time, 1:00 2-5. Reflection, Crystal, Ada Anne, Jessup Burn also ran.

Ninth race, about 5 furlongs—Copertown, 2 to 1 won; Andrew O'Day, 6 to 5 place, second; Devil Try, even show, third. Time, 1:31. Stellata, Imprudent, Miss Sherwood, Mrs. McGordon, Zali also ran.

ASSOCIATION SCORES

At Columbus—	
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Columbus.....000 000 000-0	3 2

At Indianapolis—	
Kansas City	100 000 060 01—8 16 5
Indianapolis	100 002 103 00—7 10 4
Gardner, Sanders, Delhi and Gelbel;	
Schardt, Crandall and Gossett, Um-	
pires—Johnson and Irwin.	

At Louisville—	
Minneapolis	000 000 010—1 7 0
Louisville	400 000 00*—4 9 0
Bentley, Engle and Williams; Middleton and Crossin. Umpires—Con-	

Milwaukee at Cleveland, rain.
LEVERNZ JOINS HOOSIERS

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St. Louis Twirler Signs a Contract with Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 3.—Walter Levernz, the left-handed twirler, formerly with the St. Louis Browns, today became a member of the pitching staff of the Indianapolis Indians. Levernz balked for a while, but finally signed the local contract.

Owner Jimmy McGill and Mgr. Jack Hendricks of the Indians, have left for Pittsburgh, presumably in an effort to get Pitcher Sandy Burk to consider his "jump" to the Feds.

JOHNSON AT HIS BEST

Senator Hurler Has Little Trouble With Browns Winning 5-1.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—With a three-run lead to loaf on from the first inning, Walter Johnson had little trouble Monday returning a 5 to 1 victory over St. Louis. But for a wild pitch it would have been a whitewash. Griffith's speed merchant being his best bet for the starter for the visitors was batted hard in the first, when three singles, a base on balls and a sacrifice gave the Senators more than enough runs to win.

NEWFEDS WIN IN 16TH

Ties Score in Ninth and Cop on Fumble, 3-2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—The Newfeds tied the score in Monday's game with the Whales in the ninth inning, and McKechnie won the game in the 16th, when he singled, went to second on Edmond's sacrifice and scored on Smith's fumble of Scher's grounder. Mosely pitched consistent ball for Newark.

BETTER THAN 100 MILES AN HOUR IS PREDICTION

Chicago Event Is Expected to Be Seen in Record Time.

One hundred and ten miles an hour is the gait at which the 100-mile world's speed championship for automobiles scheduled for Aug. 7 over the Chicago speedway will be run, is the opinion of the gasoline experts.

Barney Oldfield, "master driver of the world," Dario Resta, winner of the 24-hour Chicago automobile derby, "Bob" Burman, world's speed king, and Earl Cooper, California speed wizard, recognized as the world's road race champion, are the drivers to participate in the greatest four-cornered race ever planned or run.

Oldfield will be at the wheel of the \$15,000 Delage brought to this country three weeks ago from France by McDermott, who probably will be the country's fastest driver.

Resta will pilot his French Peugeot, which he drove in the big Chicago derby so successfully, and which holds all world's records for speed above the 100-mile mark.

Burman will be at the wheel of his French Peugeot which has been fitted with American made cylinders and other fittings calculated to make the Gallie creation faster than Resta's car, twin to Burman's racer. Cooper, unassisted, will uphold America's reputation in the speed duel.

The California will pilot Harry Stutz's newest 16-valve car which has shown a speed of 111 miles an hour. Cooper gave Resta a hard battle in the Chicago race until tire trouble caused him to lose much time at the pits.

Fred J. Wagner, noted starter, will officiate with the flags. Wagner declares the race will be a revelation to speed fans. There was never a great race in which more than four cars were really fighting for the lead. The 20 or 30 others in the contests simply served to hold back the leaders as they were being passed during the running of a race. With the slower ones out of this race the pace will be terrific.

declared Wagner, as he agreed to start and officiate during the race.

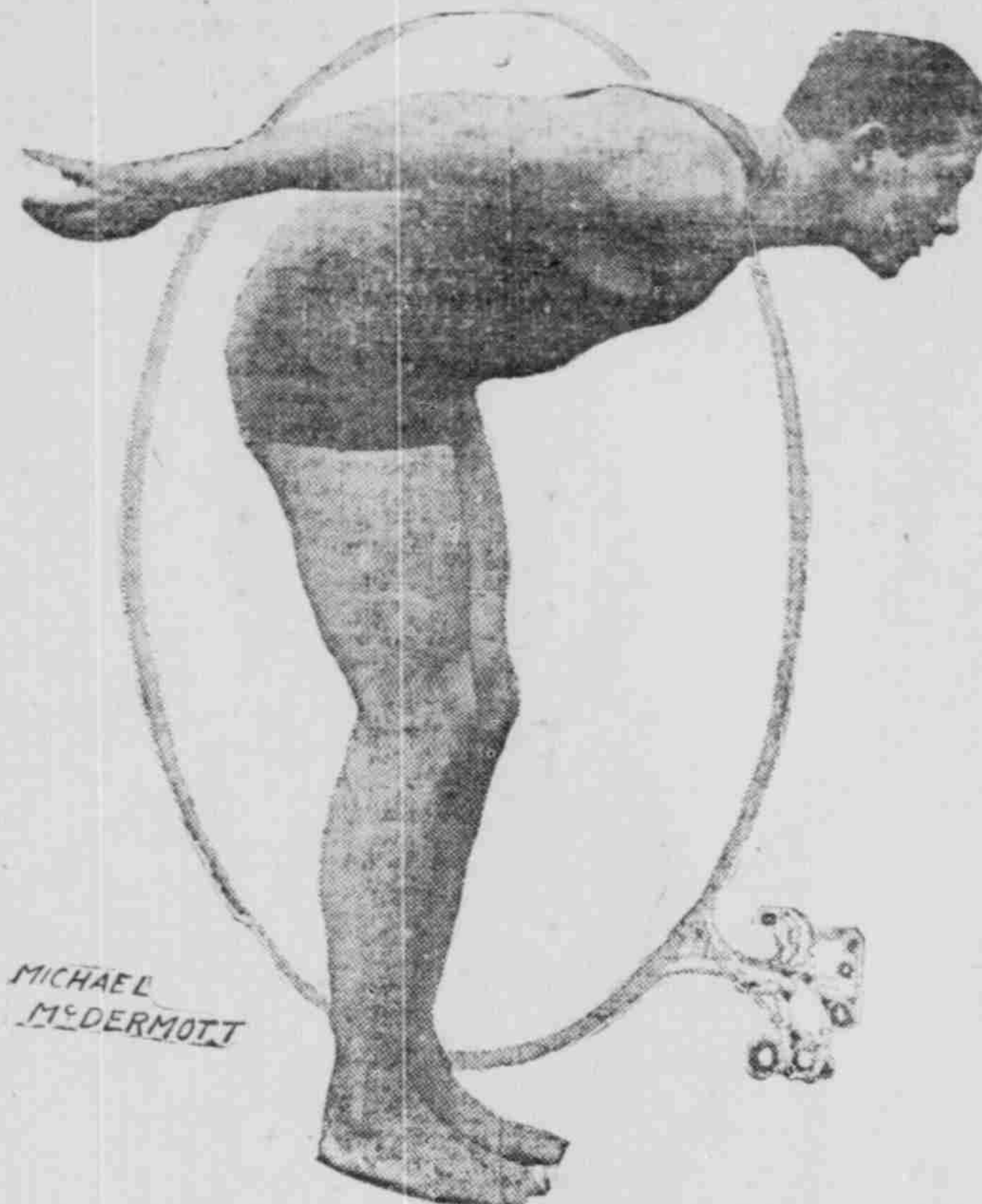
The race will be run on the last day of Chicago's "Market week," and will be the official sport for that afternoon. Upon the suggestion of officials of the Association of Commerce the speedway management decided that popular prices will prevail for the big event.

Although a \$20,000 purse will be captured by the winner, the admission, including a grandstand seat will be \$1, and there will be no fancy prices in effect. Automobile races leading to the speedway have been made perfect and \$100,000 is being spent to beautify the huge plant.

OLIVERS TAKE TWO

The J. D. Oliver team won from the Sample set, playground team in a junior indoor league game Monday afternoon on the Oliver grounds by the

Sets New Mark For Swim



Michael McDermott, the Illinois Athletic club swimmer of Chicago, has set a new mark in the 200-yard breast stroke swim in a tank, having clipped three-fifths of a second from the previous record set by himself last year.

McDermott made the 200 yards in 2:53 1-5 at the Central association A. A. U. swim in the Broad Ripple pool at Indianapolis.

McDermott will probably meet some of the crack swimmers of the country at the swimming events at the Panama-Pacific exposition next month.

WOLGAST GETS DECISION

Chairman of Boxing Commission Stops Fight in Seventh.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Aug. 3.—Ad Wolgast today was credited with a knockout in his battle last night with Dauber Yeager. The affair was so hectic that the fight was stopped in the seventh round by the referee. Wolgast was bleeding so profusely at the end of the seventh that Chairman Walter Lininger of the state boxing commission instructed Referee Stout to stop the fight.

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MC FARLAND WILL BATTLE GIBBONS FOR TEN ROUNDS

Two Men Finally Reach Agreement—Are Slated to Meet at New York on Night of Sept. 11.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons finally have arranged to face each other in a 10-round bout. The details were closed here for the quarrel to be staged in New York before the Ocean Athletic club, Brighton Beach, on the night of Sept. 11. They will weigh 147 pounds at 3 o'clock and Packey will receive \$17,500 against Mike's guarantee of \$15,000.

The fighters and their managers were in conference all day yesterday, finally reaching an agreement as to price at 5 o'clock last evening. They met again at 10 a. m. today to sign the articles.

The purse of \$22,500 will be deposited in a New York bank at least one week before the contest. It was also agreed that both fighters will be in New York 10 days before the date of the battle to exhibit their wares to visitors at the training camps.

Promoter Marshall, Bob Edsden of New York and Ed. W. Smith of Chicago, were named a committee to act as judges of the weather for the open air contest. In case a postponement is necessary the fight will be staged on the following Monday, or the first clear day.

LAURELS PULL OUT

Laurel school came up from behind in the last round of a five inning game on the Laurel grounds and won from the Sample set, school by the score of 7 to 5 Monday afternoon. The game was called at the end of the fifth on account of rain. With the score 5 to 4 against them, the Laurels sent in three runs and won.

Sample.....001 04-5 6 2
Laurel.....103 02-7 12 1

Spar and Lacey; Bradley and Kublak. Three-base hit—Kublak. Home run, Bradley. Bases on balls—Off Spar, 7; off Bradley, 2. Strike-outs—By Spar, 9; by Bradley, 10. Stolen bases—C. Kublak (3), Bradley, Olson (2), Weber, Wells (3). Umpire—Hanson.

SEVENTEEN CARS ENTERED

Will Take Part in Elgin Road Race Aug. 20-21.

ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 3.—Seventeen cars had been entered today in the Elgin annual road races to be staged Aug. 20-21. Another entrant may be Eddie Rickenbacher, noted as a road race driver, who has wired to New York asking that a Peugeot car be sent him for the Elgin races.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 3.—Eddie Palmer, local negro middleweight, was given a decision over Jack Blackburn of Philadelphia in eight rounds last night.

Lay-to for a spell and swing on this:

You'll start an old-pal-party via a pipe or a makin's cigarette quick as a flash, as soon as you realize it's a live bet to let your good money rub up against some Prince Albert tobacco. Why, it's like beating back to the bushes for old-home week, P. A.'s so friendly, so chummy-like.

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